

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device, comprising:  
  
an array substrate on which a plurality of pixel electrodes are formed and arranged in a matrix manner;  
  
an opposed substrate on which a conductive light shielding film having openings at positions opposing the pixel electrodes is formed, the light shielding film being applied with a voltage; and  
  
a liquid crystal layer interposed between the substrates, the liquid crystal layer being formed of liquid crystal having negative dielectric anisotropy exhibiting homeotropic alignment in the initial alignment state, and the liquid crystal being controlled in alignment by an electric field developed by difference in electric potential between the pixel electrodes and the light shielding film.
2. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, a projection or an opening formed on the pixel electrode.
3. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, chiral material being added to the liquid crystal layer.
4. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, the pixel electrode formed into a polygonal shape having no acute-angled portion.
5. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, the shape of the pixel electrode being a regular polygon or a circle shape.
6. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, further comprising:  
  
a circular polarization injecting device to inject circular polarization onto the array substrate and the opposed substrate.

7. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, a pixel pitch being 20  $\mu\text{m}$  or below.

8. (Original) Electronic equipment, comprising:  
the liquid crystal device according to Claim 1.

9. (New) A liquid crystal device, comprising:  
a pair of substrates;  
a liquid crystal layer interposed between the substrates, the liquid crystal layer being formed of liquid crystal having a negative dielectric anisotropy exhibiting homeotropic alignment in the initial alignment state; and

a voltage applying device that applies voltage to the liquid crystal layer, the voltage applying device including a plurality of pixel electrodes arranged in a matrix and a conductive light shielding film, the pixel electrodes being disposed on one side of the liquid crystal layer and the light shielding film disposed on the other side of the liquid crystal layer, the pixel electrode being selectively applied with voltage and the light shielding film being applied with a voltage to selectively develop an electric field between the pixel electrode and the light shielding film for controlling alignment of the liquid crystal, the light shielding film having openings at positions opposing the pixel electrodes.